Customer Delight: Achieving Higher Levels of Customer Emotions

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Types of customer interactions









Think of a time when you have been delighted as a customer – anytime...



A Culture of Service Creates a Sustainable Competitive Advantage



Compared to the compound annual growth of stock market which was 6.2% (Carpenter 2018)

Even more interesting – their products are a commodity (and sometimes not even the preferred choice)

Historically

To enjoy success firms were told to satisfy their customers. This was achieved by having:

Performance Expectations

How satisfied were you with _____ service?

Just get 4/5 – the company will be okay

This used to be advertised all the time...









Compared to people who put 4/5 people who put 5/5 are 5-10 times more loyal...NPS as well



What is customer delight?

Delight = a profoundly positive emotional state

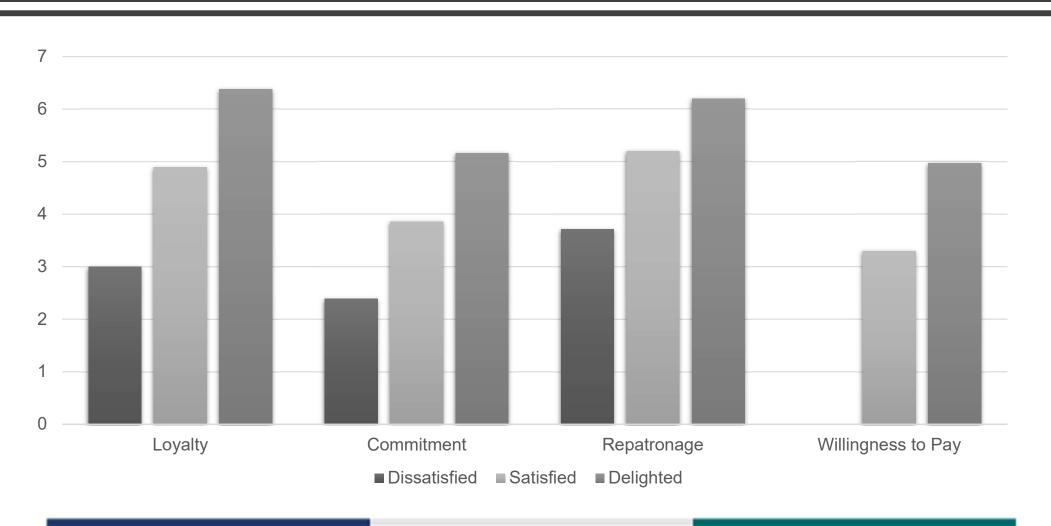
What is customer satisfaction?

A cognitive evaluation based on a better-than worse-then heuristic

Thus, satisfaction is a thinking reaction and delight is an emotional reaction



The Benefits of Delight



Over a 5-year period for total sales if you can move a customer 1 point on a 7-point scale for...

Customer Satisfaction



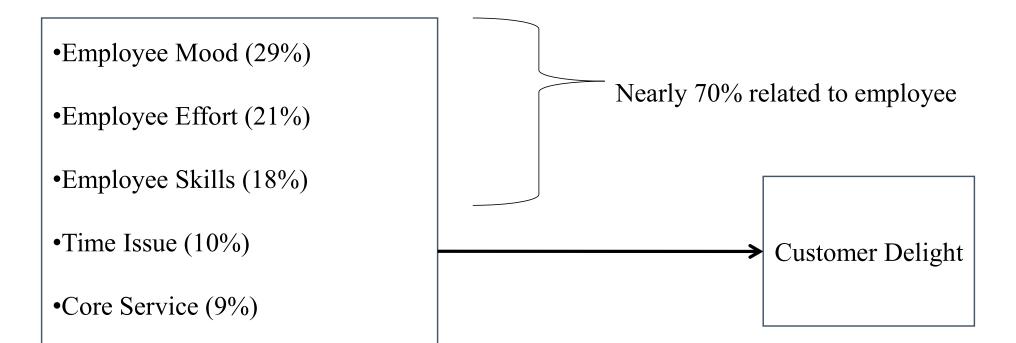
Customer Delight



"The Why"



What Causes Customer Delight

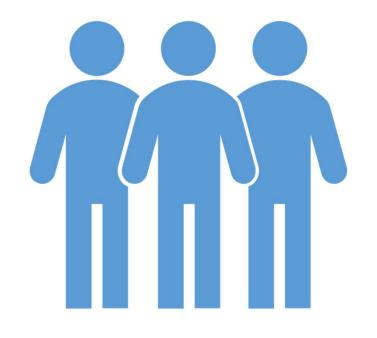


•Bend Rules/Free Stuff (7%)

•Service Failure Recovery (6%)

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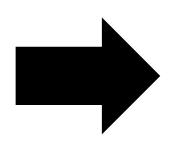
Employee Mood	 Customer's perception of the employee Being cordial, polite, and welcoming. Smiling, being joyful, being exciting, and being cheerful.
Employee Effort	Amount of energyAttentiveness/helpfulnessExtra effort
Employee Skill	 What the employee does Provides suggestions/recommendations, knowledge Terrific service quality



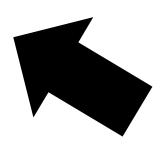
A little secret about customer delight- it creates employee delight...

"Delight Spirals"















Emotional Contagion - we catch emotions from others (even in fleeting encounters).

- Call center employees taught to smile on the phone as customers can catch the emotion
- Even when we know the other person is acting, we experience increases in affect



Broaden & Build Theory

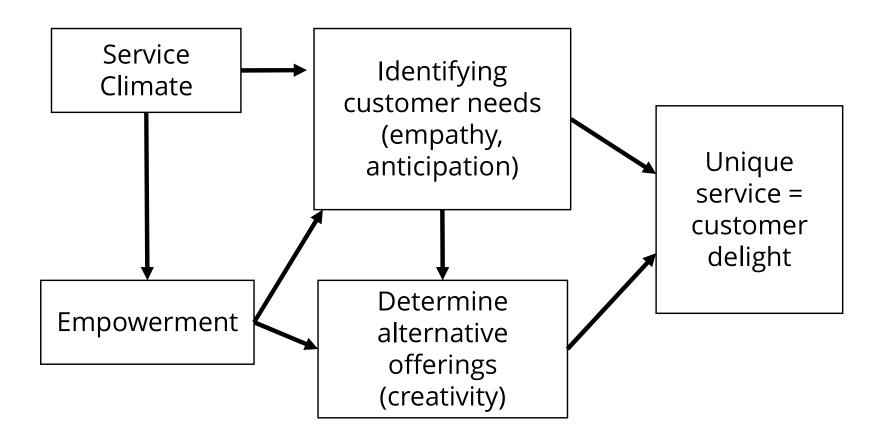
Positive emotions build employee resources



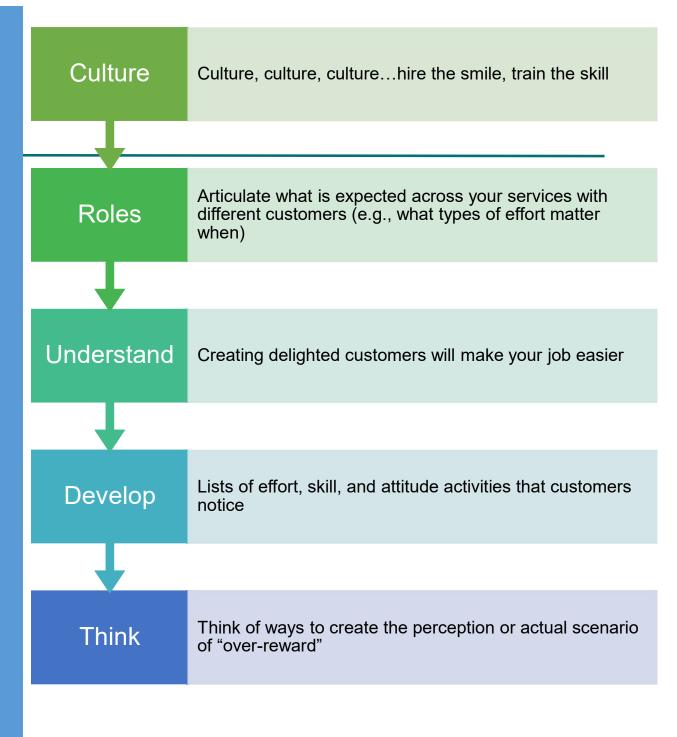
Enhanced Worker Engagement



How to Enable Customer Delight



Some ideas for what you can do tomorrow...



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